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Principals Message

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February has been a cold one and has made it a difficult start to the semester. First of all, we want to make sure that students are safe in these extreme temperatures. Through communication in phone and email, we have been able to make sure that traveling staff and students are arriving to school and going home safely. With today's technology, it has been great to see parents and students communicating about work in individual courses so that course content is not missed. Many classes are using Google Classroom, which enables open communication of information and resources. Communication through our student information system, Maplewood, can also be a useful tool. Please make sure if there are any concerns or questions about this system or the grades/attendance entered that you contact the school.

We would also like to thank all of the parents and students in Grade 10 for filling out the Accountability Pillar Survey in the past month. If you still have the envelope and have not yet filled out the survey and sent it back, we would truly appreciate your feedback. If you have any questions about the survey please contact us here at the school.

We celebrate Pink Shirt Day on February 27. This is a wonderful opportunity for our school community to support our students in creating a culture of kindness and respect. Thank you to all of those in our community that participate in this important awareness event to support healthy relationships, wellness and diversity.

Mark Owens
Principal



Superintendent's Message Staff Professional Development

Education and the way in which it is delivered is always evolving in search of the best possible understanding of the most effective ways for children to learn and grow. In light of this, schools throughout the division have continued their focus on ensuring staff involvement in a variety of professional development (PD) focused on school and divisional priorities.

Learning opportunities are provided to administrators, teachers and support staff throughout the school year on designated professional development days (8 days per year). In addition to individual, smallgroup and full-staff school-based PD in areas such as literacy (Fountas and Pinnell Running Records, LLI), numeracy, formative assessment, differentiated instructional practices and leadership training, principals have also supported staff participation in a variety of sessions offered by the Northwest Regional Learning Consortium, the Alberta Assessment Consortium, and through other means.

The division has partnered with Kurtis Hewson, co-founder of Jigsaw Learning, to work with school administrators and extended leadership teams in our schools to establish Collaborative Response Models (CRM) that are highly focused on providing Response to Intervention (RTI) supports for students who are identified as needing Tier 2, 3, and 4 intervention supports to ensure their academic success. We have worked with Mr. Hewson to facilitate the August 30, 2018 Kick-off day, and to provide intense follow-up PD days on Sept. 19 and Nov. 21, 2018, with one further day planned for May 1, 2019. The Collaborative Teams established at each school regularly hold meetings focused on providing a "continuum of supports" for those students identified as needing Tiered intervention work. Good progress is being made in this area, and plans are now underway to partner with Mr. Hewson again in the 2019-2020 school year.

On March 7 and 8, 2019 schools are closed to allow our staff to attend regional learning opportunities. Teachers will be attending the Mighty Peace Teachers' Convention and a number of our educational assistants will take part in the Northern Alberta Educational Assistants Conference. Both conferences take place in Grande Prairie, and offer a wide variety of sessions that staff can select to suit their needs.

As a division, we are proud to be lifelong learners, and are committed to providing our staff with opportunities to expand their knowledge and methods of teaching to better ensure the success of our students.

Thank you to our staff for their dedication to professional development – self-improvement is beneficial to our entire division and continues to make our schools the great places they are for students to learn and grow.

Paul Bennett

Superintendent of Schools

Peace River School Division No. 10



Spotlight on Safety – Mental health and wellness

Safety Message – Ice Safety

March is a time to look forward to warmer temperatures, melting snow, and longer days. The transition from winter to spring begins the transformation of frozen rivers, ponds, creeks and dug outs to bodies of open water. Many of our PRSD schools are located close to water sources and during this time ice can become unstable and extremely dangerous.

Please take a few minutes and talk to your children about ice safety and the dangers associated with being on rivers, ponds, creeks and dug outs during this time of the year.

For more information about knowing the dangers of ice please follow the attached link provided by the Canadian Red Cross.

<https://www.redcross.ca/training-and-certification/swimming-and-water-safety-tips-and-resources/swimming-boating-and-water-safety-tips/ice-safety>

PRSD Safety Advisory Committee

School Council



Our last school council meeting was a Joint meeting at TA Norris Middle School. We were able to have some great discussion with Tammy Novak from Alberta Health Services on Cannabis. We discussed some of the concerns and issues surrounding legalization of Cannabis, and what effects that this has in schools. We would like to thank Tammy for the informative session.

At our Peace River High School meeting, one of the main topics was of service dogs in schools. Our school and school division would like to support the needs of all students, academically, socially, mentally and emotionally. A

letter was sent out to parents in our school with information about service dogs and the importance of communication surrounding this support.

Thank you to all parents that were able to attend and participate in our discussion, and we would like to welcome any other parents and guardians that would like to join us in our next meeting on **Tuesday, March 12 at 6:30 pm at Peace High.**



SCHOLARSHIPS & STUDENT LOANS

A very comprehensive website for the majority of Scholarships given out in our region (except for the businesses and groups that award scholarships specifically to Peace River and area residents) can be found on the peace high website homepage under Quick Links or just click [HERE](#).

SUPPORTING WOMEN IN THE ANDES – ECUADOR TRIP 2020

For more information please contact Mrs. Scott-Wilkes at (780)-624-4221 or email her at wilkes@prsd.ab.ca. Check the website <https://www.eftours.ca/tour-website/2142060JS>.



MEANINGFUL. SUSTAINABLE. UNFORGETTABLE.

Set foot on the equator, explore the capital of Quito, and ascend high into the Andes Mountains as you embrace indigenous customs and culture. While you connect with local Andean communities, you'll gain insight into the local challenges they face, like extreme poverty, access to education, and economic opportunities for women. Together with community members and WE Charity, you'll work side by side building sustainable solutions to these problems. From supporting local girls' clubs to working with women's centres to building projects in a school community, every project you touch will help strengthen the community for generations to come.

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Estimated
service hours

YOUR SERVICE PROJECT THEMES

We work with the award-winning WE Charity to better understand the needs of each community and focus projects on those issues. Themes include:

- Education
- Health
- Clean water and sanitation
- Alternative income and livelihood
- Agriculture and food security



Graduation 2019

Grad planning is well underway!

The Ceremonies Print Media committee is in the process of designing invitations and tickets to be printed.

The digital media committee has started creating the slide show. Please remind your son/daughter to hand in one baby or childhood photo and one candid photo to Cassidy MacIntyre ASAP. If these photos are not submitted the Graduate's Grad photo will be the only photo included in the slide show presentation.

Other reminders:

- Grad fees of \$80 are due. Payment can be made with School Cash online, or at the office.
- Students can order Grad apparel through the Entripy Shop link on the Peace River High School web page. Entripy Shops
- Students must attend their Monday morning mandatory Grade 12 Prep success blocks as this is where Grad information will be communicated.



Watch our [school website](#) and [Facebook pages](#) for information!



Alberta



Service Dogs in Alberta

In Alberta people with disabilities have the right to bring their qualified service dogs into any public place.

Certified dog trainers from a qualified organization also have the right to access public places while training a service dog.

Service dogs must be under the handler's control at all times, and should not cause any disruption.

It is an offence to deny public access to people who use qualified service dogs, and doing so can result in a fine up to \$3,000.

It is also an offence to falsely claim to have a disability to get public access rights for a pet; doing so can result in a fine up to \$300.

To be considered a qualified service dog in Alberta, a dog must:

- Come from one of Alberta's qualified service dog organizations;
- Pass an assessment administered by a qualified organization; or
- Come from a school certified by Assistance Dogs International (ADI); or
- Be a qualified service dog from British Columbia, which has equivalent standards as Alberta.

Identification Cards

Qualified service dogs owners can apply for a Government of Alberta Service Dog ID card at no cost. The card contains the Alberta government logo and a clear picture of both the service dog and the handler.

The card verifies that the person and the service dog are **qualified under Alberta law** and have public access rights.

Service dog owners may be asked to show their ID card to verify they are qualified.

Government of Alberta ID card:



ADI school ID card, with this logo:





How Does The Law Apply?

Businesses and Facilities

A **public place** includes any facility, business or service that is available to the public. **This includes:** retail stores, taxis, planes, trains, buses, hospitals, recreation facilities, places of worship, workplaces, and any place where food or beverages are served.

The Service Dogs Act takes priority over the Food Regulation contained in the **Public Health Act** as long as the service dog is qualified and the space is accessible to the general public.

Qualified service dogs have public access rights anywhere in a recreational facility except in a swimming pool, tub or shower.

A qualified service dog has public access rights in a medical facility except in sterile rooms or restricted access areas.

Pet fees, cleaning fees or pet deposits cannot be charged for qualified service dogs in hotels, rental units, car rentals, airplanes, trains or taxis.

Places of worship and workplaces are considered public places and qualified service dogs are allowed access.

Schools

Qualified service dogs also have public access rights in schools, school buses and at school functions, such as field trips and places where other students are allowed.

School boards are required to provide teacher's assistants to assist students with disabilities if it's necessary for them to attend school.

Families cannot be charged additional fees such as cleaning fees or the costs of air filters and other devices because of a service dog.

Law Enforcement

If qualified service dog users are denied access to a public space they can report the incident to their local police. An officer may issue a summons violations ticket under section 2(o.11) of the *Procedures Regulation* made under the *Provincial Offences Procedures Act*.

It is **not an offence** for a person with a disability to use an unqualified service dog. However, if a person cannot produce identification to show their service dog is qualified, their rights to public access are **not guaranteed** and they can be asked to not bring the dog into the public place.

For additional information visit
www.Alberta.ca/servicedogs or call 780.415.0523





Wednesday, February 27th is Piik Shirt Day. Students at PRHS are encouraged to wear a pink shirt to show support for others that are facing challenges in life and to let them know that they are not alone. The Pink Shirt campaign originated in 2007 in Nova Scotia after a Grade 9 male student was bullied for wearing a pink shirt to the first day of classes. We continue to support this knowing that one small gesture or a kind word can make the world of difference and can help us all feel good about ourselves.



Athletics

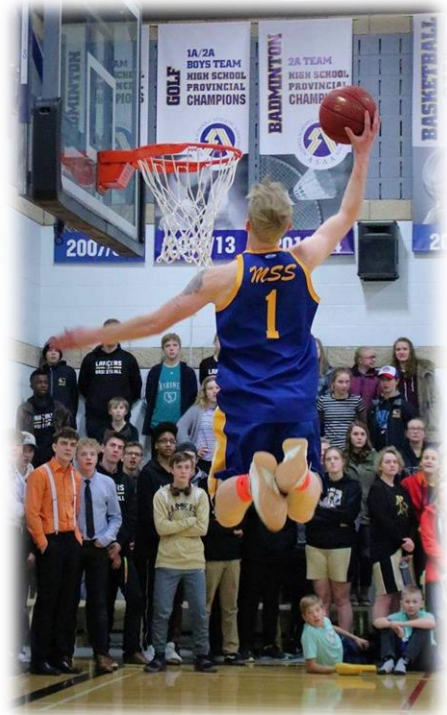
Jr. Girls/Boys Basketball

The Jr. Girls and Boys basketball teams competed at the High Level, Fairview and Grimshaw tournaments in January and February. The girls came home from Grimshaw with a Bronze medal and the boys with Gold! Both teams will be participating in zones in Grimshaw on March 1-2. Thank you to Mr. White for helping out with the girls team in February. If parents have any pictures of the games/teams and are willing to share, please contact either Mr. Owens or Miss Favreau. We can always use more photos for the newsletter, yearbook and end of the year slideshow.



Jr. Girls/Boys Basketball

The Sr. Girls participated in the Glenmary tournament at the beginning of February while the boys headed up to Fort Mac. Coach Wayne and the Sr. Boys would like to thank the teachers, students and parents from Father Mercredi for all of their hospitality that weekend. Both teams then headed up to La Crete for their final tournament of the season. Congratulations to the Sr. Boys on their consolation final win and to Shana Sklapsky for winning the speed and agility portion of the skills competition! Both teams are off to zones on March 8-9. The girls are in Fairview and the boys are hosting here at Peace High. Good luck to both teams! If any parents or players have any pictures of the games/teams, and are willing to share, we can always use extra pictures for yearbook, newsletters and the end of year slide shows.



Badminton

Badminton will be starting on Tuesday March 5th and continue Tuesday March 12th and Thursday March 14th. Practices will be from 3:30 until 5:30. Please see Mr. White for more information.



Please follow us on Twitter [@nomadathletics](https://twitter.com/nomadathletics) for updates on schedules and results!



Our Vision: Preparing Individual Citizens for Tomorrow.

Our Mission: Peace River High School, Experience the Success!

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